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In re application of: S. Wilson

Group No.: 2617
Examiner: A. Gonzalez

Serial No: 0 / 10/521,663

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For: Flexible Cover for a Mobile Phone

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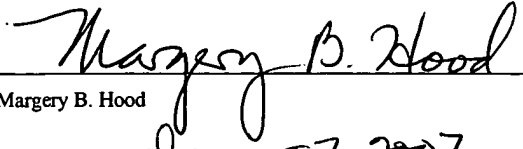
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Applicant discloses herewith references of which he is aware, which he believes may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which he may have a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56(b), it is not intended to constitute an admission that any document referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

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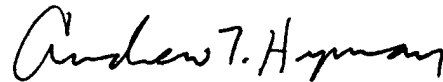
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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this IDS shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined under 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

Applicant wishes to disclose EP and GB search reports, copies enclosed. It is noted that US 6,082,535 is already of record in the instant application. A form SB08A is enclosed listing the cited references.

The EP and GB search reports were unknown to Applicant's Attorney until June 25, 2007. It is Applicant's understanding that 37 CFR 1.97(c) is applicable here, because a Notice of Allowance has not yet issued in this case.

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